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**AFRICAN STUDIES SEMINAR  
Hilary Term 2024**

**Kirk-Greene Seminar Room- African Studies Centre**

Or [via teams](#)

**Thursdays 3.30pm-5pm**

**Co-conveners: Rachel Taylor and Abigail Branford**

**Thursday 18 January, 15:30, Week 1**

**Rachel Taylor (University of Oxford)**

*Sewing the City: Dressmaking and Modernity in Postcolonial Lubumbashi*

**Thursday 25 January, 15:30, Week 2**

**Gibson Ncube (Stellenbosch University; AfOx Visiting Scholar)**

*Languages and Archives: Circumnavigating Challenges in Doing Research in (Queer) African Studies.*

**Thursday 1 February, 15:30, Week 3**

**Joint event with North East Africa Forum:**

**Tom Lavers (University of Manchester) in conversation with Biruk Terrefe (University of Oxford)**

*'Ethiopia's 'Developmental State': Political Order and Distributive Crisis' (Book launch)*

**Thursday 8 February, 15:30, Week 4**

**Dan Hodgkinson (University of Oxford)**

*The Politics of Past Visions: Decolonization, historical praxis and Ghana's celluloid film archive*

**Thursday 15 February, 15:30, Week 5**

**Mohamed Cassimjee (University of Oxford) and Jonathan Jackson (University of Cologne)**

*African Diplomacy: Past and Present*

**Thursday 22 February, 15:30, Week 6**

**Jonny Steinberg (Yale University)**

*'Winnie and Nelson: A Portrait of a Marriage'*

**Thursday 29 February, 15:30, Week 7**

**James Yékú (University of Kansas / Humboldt University of Berlin)**

*African Literature and Cancel Culture: The Algorithmic Age of Personality*

**Thursday 7 March, 15:30, Week 8**

**Jodie Yuzhou Sun (Fudan University/Stanford University)**

*Testing for "Genuine Revolutionary Leadership": China's Support of Liberation Struggles in Congo and Angola (1960-1966)*